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**ORDINANCES**  
 OF THE  
**LORDS and COMMONS**  
 Assembled in PARLIAMENT:

For the speedie Demolishing of all  
 Organs, Images, and all manner of Superstitious  
 Monuments in all Cathedrall, Parish-Churches and  
 Chappels thorowout the Kingdome of  
*England and Dominion of Wales:*

The better to accomplish the blessed  
 Reformation so happily begun, and to remove  
 all offences and things illegall in the Worship  
 of God.

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*Die Jovis, 9. Maii. 1644.*

**O**Rdered by the Lords assembled in Parliament, That  
 these Ordinances be forthwith printed and published.  
*Joh. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*

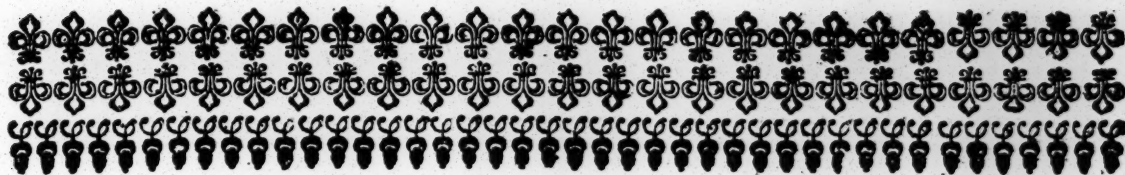
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*Die Jovis, 9 Maii. 1644.*

An Ordinance for the further demolishing  
of Monuments of Idolatry and  
Superstition.

**T**He Lords and Commons assembled in Parlia-  
ment, the better to accomplish the blessed Refor-  
mation so happily begun, and to remove all of-  
fences and things illegall in the worship of God,  
do Ordaine, That all representations, of any of  
the persons of the Trinity, or of any Angell, or Saint, in or  
about any Cathedral, Collegiate, or Parish Church or Chap-  
pell, or in any open place within this Kingdome, shall be ta-  
ken away, defaced & utterly demolished. And that no such shall  
hereafter be set up, And that the chancel-ground of every  
such church or chapell raised for any Altar, or communion-ta-  
ble to stand upon, shall be laid downe and sowed; And that no  
Copps, Serpents, superstitious vestment, Rods, or  
Kiddocks, or holy water founts, shall be, or be any more  
used in any Church, or Chappell within this Realme: And  
that no crasse, crucifix, picture, or Representation, of any of  
the persons of the Trinity, or of any Angell or Saint shall  
be.



be, or continue upon any place or other thing used, or to be used in or about the worship of God; And that all Organs, and the frames or cases wherein they stand in all Churches and Chappels aforesaid shall be taken away, and utterly defaced, and none other hereafter set up in their places; And that all Copes, Surplices, superstitious vestments Roods, and Fonts aforesaid be likewise utterly defaced, whereunto all persons within this Kingdome whom it may concerne are hereby required at their perill, to yeeld due obedience.

Provided that this Ordinance, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to any Image, Picture or coat of Armes, in Glasse, Stone, or otherwise, in any Church, Chappell, Church yard or place of Publique Prayer as aforesaid, set up or graven onely for a monument of any King, Prince or Nobleman, or other dead person which hath not been commonly reputed or taken for a Saint: But that all such Images, Pictures and Coats of Armes may stand and continue in like manner and forme as if this Ordinance had never been made; And the severall Churchwardens or Overseers of the poore of the said severall Churches and Chappels respectibely, and the next adjoyning Justice of the Peace, or deputy Lieutenant, are hereby required to see the due performance hereof. And that the repairing of the walls, windows, Grounds, and other places which shall be broken, or impaired by any the meanes aforesaid, shall be done and performed by such person and persons, as are for the same end and purpose nominated and appointed by a former Ordinance of Parliament of the eight and twentieth of August, 1643. For the utter demolishing of Monuments of superstition or Idolatry.



*Die Lunæ, 28. Augusti. 1643.*

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament:

For the utter Demolishing, Removing, and Taking away of all M O N U M E N T S of Superstition or Idolatry.

**T**He Lords and Commons in Parliament taking into their serious Considerations, how well pleasing it is to God, and conducive to the blessed Reformation in his Worship, so much desired by both Houses of Parliament, That all Monuments of Superstition or Idolatry, should be removed and demolished, doe ordain, that in all and every the Churches and Chappells, as well Cathedrall and Collegiate, as other Churches and Chappells, and other usuall places of publike Prayer authorized by Law within this Realme of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, all Altars and Tables of stone, shall before the first day of *November* in the Yeare of our Lord God 1643. be utterly

taken away and demolished And also all Communion  
 Tables removed from the East end of every such  
 Church, Chappell, or place of publike Prayer, and  
 Chancell of the same, and shall be placed in some o-  
 ther fit and convenient place or places of the body of  
 the said Church, Chappel, or other such place of pub-  
 like Prayer, or of the body of the Chancell of every  
 such Church, Chappell, or other such place of publike  
 Prayer; and that all Rayles whatsoever which have  
 been erected neere to, before, or about any Altar, or  
 Communion-Table in any of the said Churches or  
 Chappells, or other such place of publike Prayer as a-  
 foresaid, shall before the said day be likewise taken a-  
 way; And the Chancell-ground of every such Church  
 or Chappell, or other place of publike Prayer, which  
 hath been within twenty yeares last past raised for any  
 Altar or Communion-Table to stand upon, shall before  
 the said day be laid down, and levelled as the same was  
 before the said Twenty yeares last past; And that all  
 Tapers, Candlesticks and Basons, shall before the said  
 day be removed and taken away from the Communion  
 Table in every such Church, Chappell, or other place  
 of publike Prayer; and neither the same, nor any such  
 like shall be used about the same at any time after the  
 said day; And that all Crucifixes, Crosses, and all  
 Images and Pictures of any one or more Persons of the  
 Trinity, or of the Virgin Mary, and all other Images  
 and Pictures of Saints, or superstitious Inscriptions in  
 or upon all and every the said Churches or Chappells  
 or other places of publike Prayer, Church-yards, or  
 other places to any the said Churches and Chappells or  
 other place of publike Prayer belonging, or in any o-  
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ther open place, shall before the said first day of *November* be taken away and defaced, and none of the like hereafter permitted in any such Church or Chappell, or other places as aforesaid.

And be it further Ordained, that all and every such removall of the said Altars, Tables of stone, Communion Tables, Tapers, Candlesticks and Basons, Crucifixes and crosses, Images and Pictures as aforesaid, taking away of the said Rayls, levelling of the said grounds, shall be done and performed, and the Walls, Windows, Grounds, and other places which shall be broken, impaired or altered by any the means aforesaid, shall be made up and repaired in good and sufficient manner in all and every of the said Parish-churches or Chappels, or usuall places of publike Prayer belonging to any Parish, by the Church-warden, or Churchwardens of every such Parish for the time being respectively; and in any Cathedrall or Collegiate Church or chappell by the Dean or Sub-Dean, or other chiefe Officer of every such Church or Chappell for the time being; And in the Universities, by the severall Heads and governors of every Colledge or Hall respectively; and in the severall Innes of Court, by the *Benchers* and *Readers* of every of the same respectively, at the cost and charges of all and every such Person or persons, Body Politick or corporate, or Parishioners of every Parish respectively, to whom the charge of the repaire of any such Church, Chappell, Chancell, or place of publike Prayer, or other part of such Church or Chappell, or place of publike Prayer doth, or shall belong: and in case default be made in any of the Premises by any of the Person or Persons therunto appointed by

by this Ordinance, from, and after the said first day of *November*, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1643. That then every such Person or Persons so making default, shall for every such neglect or default, by the space of twenty dayes, forfeit and lose forty shillings to the use of the poore of the said Parish wherein such default shall be made, or if it be out of any Parish, then to the use of the poore of such Parish whose Church is or shall be neereſt to the Church, or Chappell, or other place of publike Prayer, where such default shall be made: and if default shall be made after the first day of *December*, which shall be in the said yeere 1643. Then any one Justice of the Peace of the County City, or Town where such default shall be made, upon information thereof to him to be given, shall cause or procure the premises to be performed according to the Tenor of this Ordinance at the cost and charges of such person or persons, bodies politick or corporate, or Inhabitants in every Parish who are appointed by this Ordinance to bear the same.

Provided, that this Ordinance, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to any Image, Picture, or coat of Armes in Glasſe, Stone, or otherwise, in any Church, Chappell, Church-yard or place of publike Prayer as aforeſaid, ſet up or graven onely for a Monument of any King, Prince or Nobleman, or other dead person which hath not been commonly reputed or taken for a Saint: But that all ſuch Images, Pictures, and coats of Armes may ſtand and continue in like manner and forme, as if this Ordinance had never been made.

*Job. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*



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